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San Francisco Bay/Delta: the State is planning a significant change in direction for its draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), substantially scaling back the project, eliminating the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to focus on water supply via "twin Delta tunnels", a stand-alone project. The joint federal/state approach of the past 9 years had sought to achieve both ecosystem restoration and water supply goals. We understand that Governor Brown wants to meet with you, Secretary Jewell and Secretary Pritzker (Commerce) next week to discuss this next week. The Governor may ask for EPA's buy-in for both the newly-defined project and for the creative approach they have outlined for NEPA compliance. Following EPA's August 2014 NEPA comments on the DEIS, we have not yet seen any text reflecting the planned changes, we have only discussed this major change and how it will be reflected in the NEPA Supplemental. Moreover, we have only recently been given permission by the State to discuss the proposal with staff. We'll continue to working cooperatively with the project proponents at all levels. We will provide you with additional talking points if your meeting with the Governor is confirmed. On a related matter, thanks for your positive comments in responding to Rep. Calvert's BDCP comments at your budget hearing last week.

## Non-Responsive

